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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

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## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

WEST POINT LIGHT STATION

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

SEATTLE

X VICINITY OF FORT LAWTON

1st

STATE

Washington

CODE

53

COUNTY

king

CODE

033

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☒ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

## 4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

U.S. COAST GUARD

COMMANDER, THIRTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (flp)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

915 Second Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Washington

98174

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC King County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

STATE

Washington

98174

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE KNOWN

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD      ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR      ☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The square stuccoed brick masonry tower (10 feet on a side) rises to a bracketed catwalk 19 feet above grade. The octagonal lantern is fitted with eight rectangular clear glass panes. The pyramidal lantern roof is surmounted by a ball ventilator. The attached fog signal building extends to the west and is reached through a doorway from the tower over which the date "1881" appears. This structure is quite similar to Point No Point Light and in both of these stations the fog signal buildings are additions dating from 1900.

The fog signal structure has expressed segmental arches over window openings with projecting key stones. The office has a gabled wood shingled roof with decorative wood trim in the east gable. The interior trim is substantially intact throughout.

#### Present Color Scheme:

Grey green: lantern roof, railings, window arches, frames, sash and sills  
Red: roofs  
Dark Blue Grey: base below watertable  
White: stucco walls

#### Light Characteristics: white, 0.6 second flash

Light List #2282

Eclipse: 4.4 seconds white

Red: 0.6 second flash

Eclipse: 4.4 seconds red

Lens Size: 4th order

Lamp Volts: 120

Candlepower: 16,000 white 7,000 red

Watts: 500 W

Filament Type: CC-8

Range: 6 miles

#### Associated nearby structures include:

Metal sheathed oil storage house.

Two frame keepers dwellings.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	Established 1881	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located on the east side of Puget Sound about five (5) miles northwest of the Commercial District of Seattle, West Point Light was established in 1881. This tip of land marks the northern turning point for shipping from Puget Sound into Elliot Bay, The Port of Seattle. With the construction of the Lake Washington Ship Canal in 1915, the light achieved greater significance for it marks the turning point to Shilshole Bay. The lens at West Point is a fourth order Fresnel revolving type with twelve (12) bullseyes. It was manufactured by the French firm of L. SAUTTER, LEMONNIER ET CIE., A Paris, and is so marked. The source of illumination is now electric bulb rather than the original oil lamp.

The guest register still in use at the station was initiated in 1895. Famous American visitors as well as foreign dignitaries have entered their names in its pages over the ensuing years. The station, manned since its establishment, is scheduled to be automated shortly.

The original description of the charts and data concerning the site (dated 1867) is still on file at the CG District 13 Headquarters.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Offical Files, Thirteenth Coast Guard District

Jim Gibbs West Coast Lighthouses (Seattle: Superior Publishing Company, 1974)

James A. Gibbs Jr. Sentinels of the North Pacific (Portland: Binfords & Mort, 1955)

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

R. J. WILLIAMSON, LT USCG, Chief, Logistics & Property Branch

ORGANIZATION

DATE

13th Coast Guard District, 915-2nd Ave., FTS: 399-5620 or 5723

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Seattle

Washington

98174

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ☒

NO ☐

NONE ☐

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is        National        State        Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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FORT LAWTON

COUNTY

KING

STATE

WASHINGTON

**3** MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, SHILSHOLE BAY

SCALE 1:24000

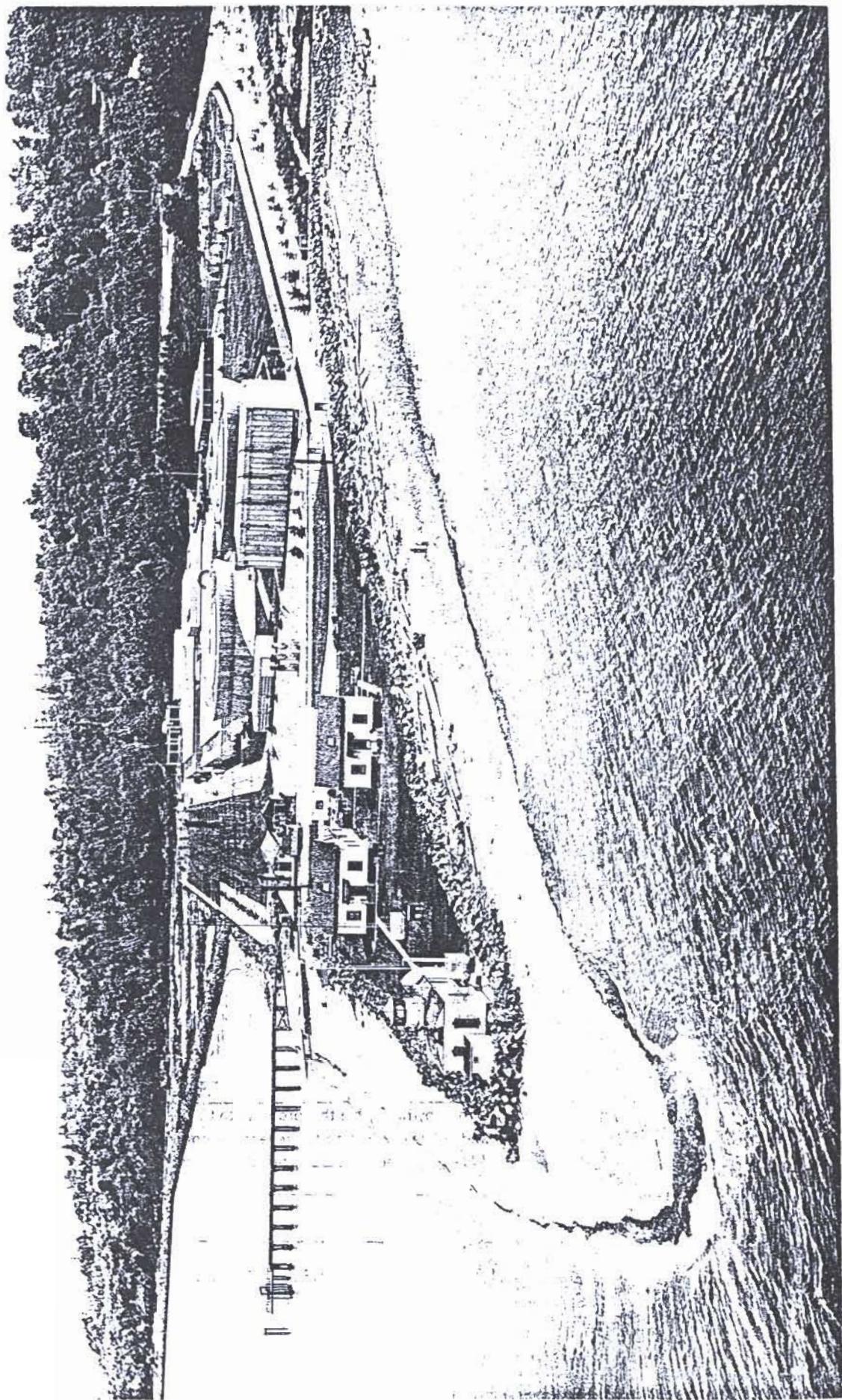
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**4** REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES





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HISTORIC

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AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

King

STATE

WA

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT 13th Coast Guard District

DATE OF PHOTO 1969

NEGATIVE FILED AT 13th Coast Guard District, Seattle, WA

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

View of West Point looking Northwesterly

PHOTO NO.

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